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Yuko ARAI et al. :  
Serial No. 09/204,142 : Group Art Unit: 2611  
Filed: December 3, 1998 : Examiner: Hunter B. LONSBERRY  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REPARING AND TRANSMITTING  
ELECTRONIC PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRODUCING ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE FROM ELECTRONIC  
PROGRAM INFORMATION

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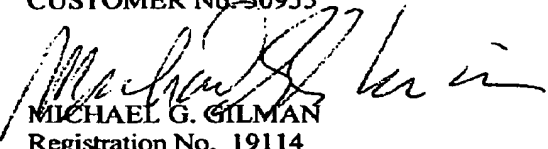
Dear Sir:

An RCE was filed in the above referenced patent application on November 29, 2005.  
To date we have received no further information concerning the prosecution of this  
application. Kindly advise when we can expect to receive a new Office Action in this  
application.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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